



2025 Murphys Open House Volunteer Instructions by Location

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL LOCATIONS:

Thank you so much for volunteering! We could not put on our events without your help.

Don't forget to bring a flashlight and warm layers! Be careful. Our barricades are lit, but it will be dark, and people & drivers may be distracted.

You should go directly to your location, as all our event coordinators will also be working. Safety vests and closure supplies will be at each intersection. You can contact **Michelle at 209.401.8208** or **June at 916.531-4169** by phone or text. Please text us when you arrive at your barricade, including your name and location.

- ❖ Your job is to greet people, direct them as necessary, and, most importantly, make sure no cars end up on Main Street.
- ❖ There is no alcohol sold at this event, so there is no need for you to monitor it.
- ❖ If you are assigned to a Church Street intersection (Algiers, Sheep Ranch, Church), you may move down to Main Street after 5:30, so long as you can keep an eye on the barricades or the Sheriff Volunteers have blocked the intersection with a car.
- ❖ You will likely have a Sheriff Volunteer helping at least part of the time. If they plan to stay the entire shift, they may tell you that you can move to another location or join the fun. Please text us if that happens.
- ❖ Main Street from Bathroom Machineries to Big Trees Road will be closed to traffic from approximately 4:45pm-8:15pm.

LOCATION SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:

Main Street at Murphys Grade Road/Church Street – aka Clarissa's Corner - 4:45pm-6:00pm only:

- ❖ Direct traffic around the detour and answer questions.
- ❖ Residents (including vacation renters) may pass through this partial closure to park in their own driveways or in front of their homes.
- ❖ You do not need to wait for another volunteer to relieve you at the end of your shift.
- ❖ Please place a barricade with the sign that says "Residents Only – No Turn Around" in the middle of Main Street and pull the other barricades to the side. Place the Detour Arrow on the barricade to direct traffic to Church, leave your vests with the barricades, and come back to the center of town to join the party.
- ❖ The hard closure will occur by Bathroom Machineries and KCK, where there is another set of barricades to prevent vehicles from accessing the event area.

Scott Street at South Algiers – aka Barry's Corner - 4:15pm-6:15pm only:

- ❖ Only parade participants may enter Algiers through this closure.
- ❖ Hotel guests, residents (including those in vacation rentals), and business owners with private parking behind Main Street may be allowed through if the parade has not yet begun to stage in the street. You'll need to use your discretion.

- ❖ No parking is allowed on Algiers between Scott and Main Street during this time.
- ❖ You do not need to wait for another volunteer to relieve you.
- ❖ At 6:00pm, or whenever the first parade entry returns, pull the barricades aside, leave your vest with the barricades, and come back to the center of town to join the party.
- ❖ The hard closure will occur at Algiers and Main, where there is another set of barricades to prevent vehicles from accessing the event area.

Scott Street at Jones Street – by Gold Country Coffee - 4:45pm-6:30pm only

- ❖ Only residents and businesses with private parking, customers of the Arbors, Dunbar House customers & staff, or persons requiring accessible parking may enter Jones behind the Arbors Shopping Center.
- ❖ The rest of the intersection will remain open except during the parade, when the Sheriff Volunteers and we will close the intersection entirely for the duration of the parade.
- ❖ You do not need to wait for another volunteer to relieve you.
- ❖ After the final parade entry passes and the intersection clears, place a barricade in the center of Jones with the sign that says “Residents and Guests of Dunbar House Only” and pull the rest of the barricades to the side. Leave your vests with the barricades and come back to the center of town to join the party.
- ❖ The hard closure will occur at the Historic Monument where there is another set of barricades to prevent vehicles from accessing the event area.

Main Street at Big Trees Road - 4:45pm-8:15pm or so

- ❖ The road is closed to traffic from 4:45pm-8:15pm, with the barricades running between the Visitors Center and Alchemy, except during the parade when they will be moved diagonally to block access to the intersection.
- ❖ You will have help from the Sheriff Volunteers, so follow their lead, help keep the kids out of the way of the parade, and help return the barricades to their original positions after the parade is through.
- ❖ Other than that, just keep an eye on the barricades, make sure no cars end up on the street, and help direct people to whatever they are looking for.
- ❖ Open the road to traffic at about 8:15pm or when directed by MBA event coordinators and Sheriff Volunteers by pulling the barricades to the side and leaving your vests with the barricades and signs.

FAQ:

Main Street will be closed from 4:45pm to approximately 8:15pm, or until it is safe to reopen.

Accessible Parking is at the Masonic Hall, but it fills up quickly.

First Aid – ask any Sheriff Volunteer

Lost & Found is at Books on Main – send kids, parents, and found items there!

Parade is at 5:30pm

Santa is at Vs

You can find more information about the event on our website at the very bottom of the [Open House page](#).

Have fun! We can't thank you enough for helping with this event.